

Preschool Transition

Authorization: 20 USC §1416(a)(3)(B); 34 CFR §§ 300.157 and 300.601(b)

General Instructions

IDEA 2004 established a requirement that all children who participated in the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) under Part C must be ensured a smooth and effective transition to Part B. Indicator 12 in the State Performance Plan (SPP) reports the percent of children referred by Part C prior to age three who are found ELIGIBLE for Part B and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthday or were found NOT ELIGIBLE by their third birthday.

- *Only include children who have reached their third birthday between July 1 through June 30 of the reporting year.*
- *Do not include children who previously RECEIVED services from AzEIP whose parents chose not to pursue district preschool services.*
- *Do not include a child if an actual referral never happened or parents opted out of the process at any point.*

Specific Instructions for – Child Counts

- (1a) Report the number of children found ELIGIBLE for preschool services and had an IEP developed on or before their third birthday.
- (2c) Report the number of children who were determined NOT eligible for preschool special education services on or before their third birthday (did not meet the criteria).

The following is informational and does not require data entry in shaded boxes.

- (1b) This represents the number of children found ELIGIBLE for preschool services and had an IEP developed after their third birthday as reported in the ELIGIBLE Children Referred Late List (see next section below).
- (2d) This represents the number of children who were determined NOT eligible for preschool special education services after their third birthday (did not meet the criteria) as reported in the NOT ELIGIBLE Children Referred Late (see next section below).

Row (3) gray boxes represents the total count of children whose preschool special education eligibility determination occurred on or before their third birthday OR after their third birthday.

The gray boxes in the far-right column entitled “All Children” represents the total number of children reported in rows (1) and (2) respectively.

The blue box represents the number of children eligible for Part C (AzEIP) and referred for transition for Part B (your district’s preschool program) by AzEIP who have reached their third birthday between July 1 and June 30 of the current reporting fiscal year (sum of boxes a – d).

Specific Instructions for – Late Eligible Determinations

For children who were found ELIGIBLE and whose IEPs were developed after their third birthday (1b), add each child by clicking on the green “Add” button next to “ELIGIBLE Students Referred Late.”

Enter the state student ID or unique student ID, select the reason from the drop-down list (see drop-down list options below), enter the number of days late, and click the “Save” button. To develop a unique student ID that avoids duplication, use the child’s initials and a combination of letters and numbers up to 10 characters in length. To remove a child from the list, click on the “Remove” button.

Specific Instructions – Late Not Eligible Determinations

For children who were found NOT ELIGIBLE and whose determinations were made after their third birthday (2d), add each child by clicking on the green “Add” button next to “NOT ELIGIBLE Students Referred Late.”

Enter the state student ID or unique student ID, select the reason from the drop-down list (see drop-down list options below), enter the number of days late, and click the “Save” button. To develop a unique student ID that avoids duplication, use the child’s initials and a combination of letters and numbers up to 10 characters in length. To remove a child from the list, click on the “Remove” button.

Reasons for Delay Drop-down List Options

Late Referral TO Part C (eligible for Part C (AzEIP) between 2.9 and 2.10½) – **Deductible**

Late Referral FROM Part C (eligible for Part C (AzEIP) services by 2.9 and PEA Notification/Referral Form received after 2.9) – **Not Deductible**

Parent or Child Unavailability (e.g., child moved, family hospitalization, vacation, etc.) – **Deductible**

Child Did Not Pass Vision or Hearing Test – **Not Deductible**

Shortage of Personnel – **Not Deductible**

Interruption of School Schedule; Summer Birthday – **Not Deductible**

In-by-3 Formula

Percent is the number of children found eligible who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthday (1a), divided by [the number of children served in AzEIP and referred (blue box), minus the number of children determined not eligible on or before third birthday (2c), minus Parent/Child Unavailability, minus Late Referrals to Part C], times 100.